2003 Workshop Dates & Locations

October 22   Wallace Building
              900 East Grand Ave
              Des Moines, IA 50319

November 6   EPA Region 7 Office
              901 N. 5th Street
              Kansas City, KS 66101

2003 Conference Call Dates & Times

November 4   9:00 - 11:00 am CST

November 7   12:00 - 2:00 pm CST

USEPA Region 7 Staff will be available to answer questions regarding the competition and proposal guidelines during the two additional conference calls.

November 17   9:00 - 11:00 am CST

November 18   1:00 -3:00 pm CST

For more information regarding the brownfields program, please visit EPA's website at www.epa.gov/brownfields.

General Workshop Information -

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2003 Brownfields Funding Workshops

BROWNFIELDS FUNDING WORKSHOPS

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 Brownfields Team in cooperation with the state environmental agencies of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska will host several workshops to assist communities interested in applying for brownfields assessment, cleanup and revolving loan fund grants. These grants provide funding to assist communities that are working to return contaminated (or potentially contaminated) properties back to productive reuse. The workshops will focus on helping participants understand the basic elements of the grant programs, the process for submitting grant proposals, and the required proposal elements. Representatives from EPA and the state programs will be present to help answer your questions.

These grants will be awarded under the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act (SBLRA) signed by President Bush on January 11, 2002. In October, EPA will issue a notice in the *Federal Register* requesting proposals for the brownfields grants. The guidelines are currently on EPA's national brownfields webpage at

http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/applicat.htm#pg

The assessment, revolving loan fund, and cleanup grant proposals will be due in early December 2003. The final guidelines along with more information about the grants will be available at the above web address.

What topics will be covered?

'   What is a brownfield?
'   What are the types of funding available for brownfields?
'   How and when to apply for a brownfields grant?
'   What are the key elements of a brownfields proposal?
'   What assistance is available for preparing a grant proposal?

Who should attend?

Individuals interested in preparing proposals for brownfields funding or deepening their understanding of the brownfields program, including:

'   State,
'   Tribal, or
'   Local governmental officials;
'   Representatives from Land Clearance Authorities or other quasi-governmental entities;
'   Regional councils;
'   State sanctioned; redevelopment agencies
'   Representatives of non-profit organizations; and,
'   Other individuals interested in partnering with an eligible entity.

Note: See the proposal guidelines for a complete list of those eligible to apply.

Where are the workshops?

Workshops are scheduled in each state:

'   Iowa
'   Kansas
'   Missouri
'   Nebraska

Please register for the workshop most convenient for you.

What do I need to do?

'   Submit the enclosed registration form.

'   Send us any specific questions prior to the workshop so that we will be prepared to address them.

Questions should be e-mailed to R7-Brownfields@epa.gov or faxed to 913-551-8688.

What if I can't attend?

EPA Region 7 will host conference calls for those unable to attend a workshop. The conference calls will cover basic information on brownfields and the grants available this year. Please register if you would like to participate in the call.